GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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UPGRADATION OF CHCs AND PHCs
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of criteria adopted for the upgradation of Community Health Centres(CHCs) and Primary Health Centres(PHCs) in the country;

(b) whether the Government proposes to revise the criteria and to upgrade the existing CHCs and PHCs particularly in the States where adequate healthcare facilities are not available;and

(c) if so,the steps taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) recognizes the need for setting up Primary Health Centres (PHCs)/Community Health Centres (CHCs) on the basis of population, workload,and distance. It provides for adhoc first grant/maintenance grant to undertake basic upgradation in PHC/CHCs. Further strengthening is as per Indian Public Health Standards (IPHS) Facility Surveys.New health units are as per priority of States articulated through their Programme Implementation Plan(PIPs).

(c) Financial support has been extended to States on the basis of their Programme Implementation Plans as per criteria mentioned above.